## U.S. Department of Commerce Office Safety Inspection Checklist for Supervisors and Program Managers

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This checklist is a shortened version of the CD-574 and is intended as a guide to assist supervisors and program managers in conducting follow-up safety and health inspections of their work areas. It is not as detailed as the CD-574, but is intended to cover the routine safety issues typically found in office environments. Questions which receive a "NO" answer require corrective action. If you have questions or need assistance with resolving any problems, please contact your safety office. More information on office safety is available through the Department of Commerce Safety Office website at <a href="http://ohrm.doc.gov/safetyprogram/safety.htm">http://ohrm.doc.gov/safetyprogram/safety.htm</a>.

| Yes              | No                 | N/A | Emergency Exits   |  |  |  |  |
|------------------|--------------------|-----|---|--|--|--|--|
| O                | O                  | O   | Are exits kept free of obstructions or locking devices which could impede immediate escape?   |  |  |  |  |
| O                | O                  | O   | Are exits properly marked and illuminated?  |  |  |  |  |
| 0                | О                  | 0   | Are doors, passageways or stairways that are neither exits nor access to exits and which could be mistaken for exits, appropriately marked "NOT AN EXIT," "TO BASEMENT," "STOREROOM," etc.? |  |  |  |  |
| Work Environment |                    |     |   |  |  |  |  |
| О                | O                  | O   | Are all work areas clean, sanitary, and orderly?  |  |  |  |  |
| O                | O                  | O   | Are aisles and passages free of stored material that may present trip hazards?  |  |  |  |  |
| O                | О                  | O   | Are tile floors in places like kitchens and bathrooms free of water and slippery substances?  |  |  |  |  |
| O                | O                  | O   | Are carpet and throw rugs free of tears or trip hazards?  |  |  |  |  |
| O                | O                  | O   | Are file drawers kept closed when not in use?   |  |  |  |  |
| О                | О                  | О   | Are passenger and freight elevators inspected annually and are the inspection certificates available for review on-site?  |  |  |  |  |
| O                | O                  | O   | Are heating and air conditioning vents clear of obstructions?   |  |  |  |  |
| Ergonomics       |                    |     |   |  |  |  |  |
| O                | O                  | O   | Are employees advised of proper lifting techniques?   |  |  |  |  |
| O                | O                  | O   | Are workstations configured to prevent common ergonomic problems?   |  |  |  |  |
|                  |                    |     | Emergency Information   |  |  |  |  |
| О                | О                  | О   | Are established emergency phone numbers posted where they can be readily found in case of an emergency?   |  |  |  |  |
| O                | O                  | O   | Are employees trained on emergency procedures?  |  |  |  |  |
| O                | O                  | O   | Are fire evacuation procedures/diagrams posted?   |  |  |  |  |
| О                | O                  | O   | Is a copy of the facility fire prevention and emergency action plan available on site?  |  |  |  |  |
| Fire Prevention  |                    |     |   |  |  |  |  |
| O                | O                  | O   | Are portable fire extinguishers visually inspected monthly and serviced annually?   |  |  |  |  |
| O                | 0                  | O   | Are areas around portable fire extinguishers free of obstructions and properly labeled?   |  |  |  |  |
| O                | O                  | O   | Are fire alarm pull stations clearly marked and unobstructed?   |  |  |  |  |
| O                | O                  | O   | Are proper clearances maintained below sprinkler heads (i.e., 18" clear)?   |  |  |  |  |
|                  | Electrical Systems |     |   |  |  |  |  |
| O                | О                  | O   | Are all cord and cable connections intact and secure?   |  |  |  |  |
| Ö                | Ö                  | 0   | Are electrical outlets free of overloads?   |  |  |  |  |
| Ö                | Ö                  | Ö   | Is the area around electrical panels and breakers free of obstructions?   |  |  |  |  |
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